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Title: **METHOD FOR FABRICATING MEMS AND MICROFLUIDIC DEVICES
USING SMILE, LATENT MASKING, AND DELAYED LOCOS TECHNIQUES**

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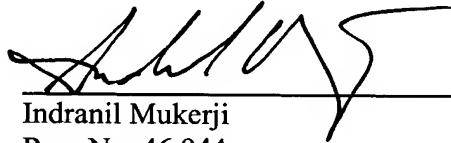
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Copies of references AG-AM are enclosed. References AN-AZ were cited in the parent application, U.S. Serial No. 09/334,408 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,444,138), and considered by the Examiner of the parent application on July 30, 2001. Therefore pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d) and M.P.E.P. § 609A(2), copies of References AN-AZ are not provided herewith.

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